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THE REPUBLICAN PLATFORM,

“I would sum up the policy of the Administration to be thorough enforcement of every law ; a faithful collection of every tax provided for ; economy in the disbursement of the same ; a prompt payment of every debt of the nation ; a reduction of taxes as rapidly as the requirements of the country will admit ; reduction of taxations and tariff to be so arranged as to afford the greatest relief to the greatest number ; honest and fair dealings with all other peoples to the end, that war with all its blighting consequences, may be avoided, but without surrendering any right or obligations due to us ; a reform in the treatment of the Indians, and the whole civil service of the country ; and finally in securing a pure and untrammelled ballot where every man entitled to a vote may do so just once at each election without fear of molestation or proscription on account of his politics, faith, nativity or color.”

U. S. GRANT.

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The undersigned Committee, on address, appointed by the State Convention of the Republican party convened on the 9th instant, in pursuance to the regular call of the State Central Executive Committee, submit to the Republicans of this State and the Union, the facts connected with the call and meeting of the Convention on the 9th instant, and the reasons that, in their opinion, actuated the bolt of a part of the delegates, reserving to a subsequent time an address to the people of the State on the principles and policy of the party.

We notice, published in the New Orleans *Republican* of the 13th inst., an address and resolutions prepared by a Committee on Resolutions and Address of the Bolting Convention, of which Hugh J. Campbell was Chairman, and which seems to have been adopted by that Convention,

purporting to detail the facts and circumstances that induced the members of that meeting to bolt the regular organization. This statement is *so one sided* and in *many respects incorrect* as to induce us to believe it was gotten up to create a false impression in regard to the true causes of the bolt. It will be noticed that no member of that committee was a member of the State Central Executive Committee appointed in 1870, although there were several members of the State Central Executive Committee of 1870, members of the Bolting Convention, consequently this committee could not have known, of their own personal knowledge, any of the proceedings of the State Central Executive Committee.

We will now proceed to give an exact and accurate statement of the facts and circumstances that originated and gave rise to this bolting meeting:

The Republican party organized in

this State in 1864, *seven years ago*, and the party organization has been managed, as is usual with political parties, by State Conventions, each Convention appointing a State Central Executive Committee to manage and control the organization until the organization of the next Convention. All these Conventions, up to that of 1870, were as harmonious as such conventions usually are.

In the organization of the State Convention of 1870, Gov. Warmoth and Lieut. Gov. Dunn, both being delegates, and competitors for the position of permanent President of the Convention, Lieut. Gov. Dunn was elected. In the progress of the proceedings of the Convention, Col. C. W. Lowell, being Chairman of the Committee on Resolutions, a personal difficulty arose between Gov. Warmoth and Col. Lowell, growing out of some report Col. Lowell made as chairman of the committee.

This Convention of 1870, passed a resolution providing for the election by the Convention, of two Republicans from each Congressional District in the State, and authorizing the President of the Convention to select five others from the State at large, to compose the State Central Executive Committee of the Republican party, and by resolution the President of the Convention, Lieut. Gov. Dunn, was added to the committee, making sixteen in all. Those elected were the following:

First District—B. F. Joubert and J. B. Wands.

Second District—John Garstkamp and Henry Grimes.

Third District—P. G. Deslonde and H. L. Swords.

Fourth District—G. Y. Kelso and James McCleery.

Fifth District—J. Lewis and A. B. Harris.

Those appointed by the President

of the Convention were the following:

S. B. Packard,	C. W. Lowell,
John Ray,	T. B. Stamps,
G. Casenave.	

John Lewis having died in April last, Col. Jas. F. Casey was elected by the committee to fill the vacancy.

The term of service of this Committee was limited to *one* year, and the Committee are required by a resolution of the Convention to *call a State Convention before their term of service expires*.

The State Central Executive Committee at its first meeting soon after it was appointed, created an Executive Committee composed of O. J. Dunn, C. W. Lowell, A. B. Harris, T. B. Stamps and John Ray.

The Executive Committee at its first meeting having heard that Gov. Warmoth was displeased, and desiring to act in harmony with him in all matters connected with the management of the party, although they did not concede that Gov. Warmoth had any greater rights to advise or control the party than any other member of the party; yet, in deference to his position, they thought it advisable to notify him they were desirous to act in harmony with him. Accordingly a resolution was unanimously passed notifying Gov. Warmoth that the committee desired to act in harmony with him, and a committee was appointed to present him the resolution and assure him of the wish of the committee. This committee on the same day called on the Governor and presented him the resolution, and conveyed to him the wish of the committee. The Governor's reply to the committee was verbal and couched in very offensive language towards Col. Lowell and Gov. Dunn, for appointing him on the committee. Gov. Warmoth never afterwards notified

the committee that he reciprocated their desire as conchcd in the resolution, or that he desired any conference with them, although he did some months ago complain to a member of the committee that their proceedings were never communicated to him, or that he was never consulted by them.

The Governor's opposition to the State Central Executive Committee, was manifested during the canvass last year, in this: He refused to contribute himself or to encourage his friends to contribute anything to the committee in aid of the canvass, alleging he had no confidence in the honesty of the committee, but at the same time, without any notice or conference with the committee, caused to be organized what was called an auxiliary Executive Committee, for which he and his friends raised funds and disbursed them without any consultation or notice to the committee, conducted the canvass on their own behalf, and in many instances in favor of candidates not regularly nominated by the party.

In pursuance to the resolution of the Convention of 1870, instructing the Central Executive Committee to call a convention before their terms of service expired, the Committee passed resolutions on the 27th of June 1871, calling a convention to meet on the 9th day of August 1871, the day on which the term of service of the Committee expired, fixing the method to determine how many delegates each parish and city ward should be entitled to, and providing how the returns of the election of delegates should be made and to whom returned. As the State Executive Committee was directed to call a Convention, in order that the Convention should be regular, the State

Convention of 1870, not having prescribed how many delegates there should be from each parish or city ward, or how the returns of election should be made, it became necessary that the Committee should make the necessary provisions, and accordingly the following call was issued:

State Convention.

ROOMS STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE of the Republican party of the State of Louisiana.—At a meeting of the State Central Committee of the Republican party of the State of Louisiana, held June 27, 1871, the following resolutions were adopted:

First resolution offered by Mr. Ray:

Whereas, According to the requirements of a resolution adopted by the State Convention of the Republican party, on the tenth day of August, 1870, the State Central Executive Committee, appointed by and under authority of the said Convention of the Republican party on or before the expiration of their term of service are required to call a State Convention to choose their successors: therefore be it

Resolved, That a convention of the Republican party be and is hereby called to meet in New Orleans on the ninth day of August, 1871.

Resolved, That the basis of representation in said Convention shall be as follows, viz: Every seven hundred Republican votes, as cast at the last general election, in each parish, and in each ward of the city of New Orleans, shall be entitled to one delegate, and an additional delegate for every fraction over one-half of seven hundred; and provided, that each parish and ward shall be entitled to one delegate.

Resolved, That the presidents of the several parish committees of the Republican party in the State—except in the parish of Orleans—and in the parish of Orleans the presidents of the mother ward clubs are hereby authorized and required to call elections for delegates to said convention, and to forward to the president of the State Central Executive

Committee the proper credentials of the delegates elected, countersigned by the secretaries of their committees and clubs, on or before the time fixed for the sitting of the Convention.

Resolved, That the president of the State Central Executive Committee be and is hereby authorized and directed to ascertain the number of delegates to be elected from each parish and ward from the authentic vote in the office of the Secretary of State, and issue his proclamation for said election, and have the same published in the Republican papers throughout the State.

This we understand to be the usual and customary mode for providing in such cases. It is not intended there should be any interregnum in the party organization, so the power conferred on the State Central Executive Committee is to act for the party until there is an organization of the Convention by the election of a temporary President, which according to custom and parliamentary proceedings, is to be done by those whose credentials are in proper form and made to the proper officer as provided by the committees, and certainly no more suitable person can be selected to whom the returns can be made than the President of the Executive Committee. It is his duty to hand over those returns to the Convention as soon as it is organized by the election of a temporary President, and this was the course of proceedings adopted by the State Central Executive Committee in this case.

Immediately after the call of the Convention for August 9, 1871, the President of the State Central Committee notified the heads of the organizations in the different parishes in the State, where there were regular organizations, of the call of the Convention, and in such parishes

as had no regular organizations appointed persons to act in the election of delegates and make returns of the election. This was directed by the Committee and nothing further was done with the knowledge of the Committee.

It appears from a number of letters written by Governor Warmoth, which have been exhibited to members of the Committee, that soon after the call of the Convention, he wrote to many, if not, most of his appointees to office in the State and other prominent Republicans, supposed to be particular friends, urging them to have their parishes represented in the Convention in his interest.

The Committee in its representative capacity, had not the interest of any particular person to subserve, their only object was to promote the interest of the party. As there was no election for State or Federal officers, in this State this year, and this Convention was not called to nominate candidates for office, the only thing the Convention could do was to lay down a platform for the party and perpetuate the organization by the appointment of a State Central Executive Committee. The latter is the only bone of contention in this case and the cause of the bolt. Fifty-four parishes returned credentials of delegates made out in the form required by the Committee, and of this number thirty-one parishes returned double sets of delegates, one set being in date subsequent to the other and certified by officers not known by the Central Executive Committee as parish committee officers, who from the statement in the credentials in many cases were created after the call of the convention and for the particular purpose. All these last

mentioned delegates went into the bolting meeting, and composed most of its material. Only thirty-one delegates regularly returned, joined the bolting meeting. Another fact significant to show that the committee did not attempt to pack the convention with delegates for any purpose, is this, that when delegates were regularly returned favorable to Governor Warmoth, there were no double sets or contestants, and on the other side in most of the cases in which the regularly returned delegates were not favorable to Governor Warmoth, there were double sets of delegates, the latter always favorable to Governor Warmoth and joining the bolters.

In the published call of the convention, the place for meeting of the convention was not stated, although it is the recollection of the chairman of this committee that it was fixed in the original resolution at the hall of the House of Representatives. This omission was called to the attention of the State Central Executive Committee by the papers, and on the 3rd day of August, the committee met to remedy this omission. A resolution was passed at that meeting directing the President of the committee to procure a suitable place of meeting, and to notify the members of the convention thereof by publication in the newspapers on the morning of the 8th of August, the day before the convention, and at that time the President of the committee did notify the members of the convention that the United States District Court-room, in the Customhouse, had been procured for that purpose, and that the convention would meet there at 12 M. on the 9th of August.

At the meeting of the State Cen-

tral Executive Committee on the 3d day of August, it was stated that the report was current that the committee did not intend to let any person into the hall of the Convention except those whose credentials were regularly returned according to the rule fixed by the committee. The committee entertained no such idea, and to avoid misconception on this point, a resolution was passed at that meeting providing that the President of the Committee prepare tickets for all the delegates and contestants who might present claims as such, and who should be admitted to the hall of the Convention, which resolution was published next day for general information, and tickets were so prepared for all such persons, who could have obtained them if applied for. That this is no arrogation of power is shown by the call of the Massachusetts State Convention, in which the committee not only require tickets of admission, but also name the presiding officer.

Ten days or more before the meeting of the Convention, Governor Warmoth said to the chairman of this committee, that there would be two Conventions, that he could see no way to avoid it; and upon being expostulated with that no such division was necessary or ought to take place, he still persisted and reiterated the same opinion. This opinion was often expressed by the warm friends of Gov. Warmoth for several days before the Convention, *and before any of the events had taken place, which they now urge as an excuse for doing so.*

Many days before the Convention it was freely spoken of on the streets and privately that there was great danger of a riot at the Convention, and one of the members of the State

Central Executive Committee in the interests of Gov. Warmoth and a bolter, said: "If the contestants for seats in the Convention were not allowed to vote in the preliminary organization, that there were not men enough in New Orleans to prevent their opponents from being thrown out of the windows of the Convention room." And on the day before the Convention, a prominent friend of Gov. Warmoth, not a member of the Convention, said "there would be bloodshed at the Convention."

The above facts are within the knowledge of this committee, and many others that will be made known under the statements of responsible persons, will abundantly show that there was just cause of fear that there would be a riot at the Convention if those who subsequently became bolters could not be allowed to control the Convention. These facts were made known to Mr. Packard, President of the Committee, and he was earnestly requested to provide some protection against such threatened riots; and in pursuance to this advice and request, he appointed a number of deputy marshals, and called in the United States military force to guard against a mob, and protect the United States property, but not to interfere with the Convention.

It was the order of the President of the Executive Committee that the door of the Convention Room should be kept closed until thirty minutes before 12 M., and that then all persons who held tickets should be admitted and no others. Before 11 o'clock A. M. Gov. Warmoth and others, members of the Convention, or contestants, procured their tickets and proceeded to the entrance of the hall,

in which the Convention was to be held. It was then closed and no one in it. He demanded admittance, and was informed by the person put there to take care of the room, that the time for opening the hall had not arrived, and he could not admit him and those with him until that time. At this time there was a caucus of a portion of the members of the Convention in session in an adjoining room.

At this refusal to admit Governor Warmoth and those with him, more than an hour before the hall was to be opened to the delegates, he became indignant and left the building, and advised his adherents to go with him to Turners' Hall, on the supposition the Convention was to be packed with his enemies. An officer of the United States troops there and then advised Gov. Warmoth that they had nothing to do with the Convention, and were only there to guard against riot and violence. They in no manner interfered with his ingress or egress from the building, or that of any other person having a ticket to the Convention or business in the Customhouse, nor do we believe any of the deputy marshals did.

The Convention met at 12 M. in the room provided for its use, and delegates from forty-one parishes, whose credentials had been made out and returned as provided for in the call of the Convention, were present and participated in the proceedings.

The above narrative is made in all candor, and believed to be accurately true and as embracing all the material facts of the case going to show the cause of the bolt. We have not undertaken to notice all the statements of the committee of the bolt-

ers in regard to the grounds of their bolt, but we say that our statement is correct in regard to the facts; whether these facts will justify their bolting the Convention regularly called by the only authority for that purpose, we leave for the party to decide.

The committee feel they are perfectly justified from the above facts, in coming to the conclusion that it was a foregone determination of Gov. Warmoth and his advisers, if they could not control the Convention to bolt it.

Gov. Warmoth has from the first shown the most persistent and determined opposition and hostility to the State Central Executive Committee ever since it was created in 1870. The cause of this hostility originated in his defeat for permanent President of that Convention by Lieut. Gov. Dunn, and the appointment of Lieut. Gov. Dunn on that committee by the Convention, and Lieut. Gov. Dunn's appointment on that committee of Col. Lowell and Mr. Packard, and his being ignored on that committee by the Convention and by Lieut. Gov. Dunn. Herein originated the cause of the bolt in this Convention. The Convention did not see fit to intrust the management of the party organization to Gov. Warmoth, or to those who were his special advisers or friends. For this neglect Gov. Warmoth is unrelentingly hostile to that committee and all its proceedings, and has set himself in opposition to the regular, and in a party sense, legal organization of the party.

Seeing that the delegates to this Convention, if it should be organized according to parliamentary rules, would still be opposed to placing the

party organization under the management of himself and special friends, he attempts, by bolting the regular Convention, to get control of the party organization in this State. We regret to see so many good Republicans led off from the regular organization of the party in this way and for such purposes; the effect cannot be other than injurious to the party. There seems to be no party principle involved in this matter; all sections of the party subscribe to the same platform of principles. Why, then, break up the regular organization of the party simply because Gov. Warmoth and his special friends wish to control the party, when it is evident the mass of the party, neither in the Convention of 1870 nor in that of 1871, desire it?

It seems to be forgotten that Gov. Warmoth, because he has been elected Governor of the State by the Republican party has not, by virtue of his office, any greater right to control the party than any other member of the party. The State Convention of the party is the highest authority in the party control, and unless they delegate to the Governor or other State officers power to control the organization of the party, they have no greater authority to do so than any other member of the party. Then, why should Gov. Warmoth be arrogating to himself and his special friends any greater rights than other members of the party, and be plotting to overthrow the authority of the Convention?

It will be curious and instructing, and confirmatory of the above views taken by the committee to analyze the personal of the bolters, and to see what relation they stand in to

Gov. Warmoth as to office and personal obligation.

This analysis will prove that nearly all the persons comprising the Bolters' Convention were office-holders under the Governor, and, of course, any opposition on their part to any design of his, whether right or wrong, would have resulted in their at once being removed from the office they hold by his appointment.

L. J. Souer, Register of Voters, appointed by Warmoth, returned himself elected a member of the Legislature.

C. F. Huesman, Tax Collector, appointed by Governor Warmoth.

Chas. F. Smith, Tax Collector, appointed by Gov. Warmoth.

Pierre Landry, Justice of the Peace member of Police Jury and School Board, all appointments of Governor Warmoth.

D. L. Haynes, Register of Voters, appointed by Gov. Warmoth, credentials signed by parish Tax Collector.

J. Wesley Mayfield.

D. W. White, appointee of Warmoth from Grant parish.

M. H. Twitchell, State Senator, controls Governor's patronage Red River parish.

Peter Harper, State Tax Collector and member of the House, appointed by Warmoth.

John Buler, controlled by Harper.

Geo. W. Coombs, State Tax Collector, appointed by Gov. Warmoth.

John R. Wooldridge, State Tax Collector, appointed by Governor Warmoth.

Chas. S. Abell, Supervisor of Registration, elected himself to the Legislature.

Emerson Bently, member of School Board, appointed by Warmoth.

W. B. Merchant, appointee of Warmoth at Brashear, District Attorney.

S. C. Johnson, Justice of the Peace, and controlled in Warmoth's interest.

F. Martin, democrat and Tax Collector, appointed by Gov. Warmoth.

Rob't. Worrell, Clerk of Court.

J. Ross Stuart, foster-brother of Pinchback.

A. R. Whitney, has brother Tax Collector in Tensas parish.

M. Blue, controlled by Whitney.

Chas. E. Halstead, Tax Collector and Supervisor of Registration, appointed by Warmoth, and at date of appointment not 21 years old.

Cyrus Parker, controlled by Halstead.

Geo. B. Lowd, clerk to Tax Collector and chief constable of parish, appointed by Warmoth.

Louis C. Laloire, Tax Collector, appointed by Warmoth.

W. F. Blanchard, Tax Collector, brother of State Register of Voters, appointed by the Governor.

Geo. Washington, member of Legislature, and controlled by Warmoth.

J. W. Swords, State Assessor, appointed by Gov. Warmoth.

A. J. Echeverria, State Tax Collector, appointed by Warmoth.

A. M. Creamer, deputy Tax Collector, and credentials signed by Tax Collector, since appointed Tax Collector.

Robert Morris, Tax Collector, appointed by Warmoth.

J. M. Wagoner, unknown.

E. H. Masters, Tax Collector, appointed by Gov. Warmoth.

W. B. Dickey.

Oscar Crozier, Tax Collector and School Director, appointed by the Governor.

Wm. Murrill.

T. A. Cage, Tax Collector, appointed by Gov. Warmoth.

J. L. Belden.

J. H. Bailey.

A. Chevalon, Tax Collector, appointed by Governor.

C. Donato.

E. Gantt, Democrat.

A. J. Johnson.

W. J. Blackburn, Tax Collector, appointed by the Governor.

J. E. Trimble.

M. Sterrett, Administrator of Assessments at Shreveport, appointed by Governor Warmoth.

S. Armstead, Police Juror, appointed by the Governor.

J. E. Parker.

S. L. Henry.

Mortimer Carr, returned to Legislature from DeSoto by election law, citizen of 3rd Ward.

S. Marvin, member of Legislature.

Thos. Johnson, member of Police Jury, appointed by Warmoth.

A. F. Coleman.

A. B. Harris, controls patronage of Concordia parish.

Geo. Washington, member of the Legislature, controlled by Governor.

C. Barbe, Tax Collector, appointed by Gov. Warmoth.

E. Butler, State Senator, and member of Commission to build State House, appointed by Gov. Warmoth.

H. Mahony, member of Legislature.

C. V. Thibaut, Parish Recorder, appointed by the Governor.

L. C. Coureelle, Tax Collector, appointed by the Governor.

H. C. Meyers, Parish Judge of Natchitoches.

Geo. H. Guptil, Democrat.

A. W. Faulkner, controls patronage of Caldwell Parish.

N. Underwood, Tax Collector, appointed by Gov. Warmoth.

F. W. Hurst, Sheriff and President Police Jury, East Baton Rouge, Col. Militia, appointed by Governor.

Valcour Anderson, controlled by Underwood.

W. R. Wheyland, Register of Voters, appointed by Warmoth, elected by himself to Legislature.

C. H. Remick, Tax Collector, appointed by Governor and brother of Administrator of Commerce, at New Orleans.

Oscar F. Hunsacker, Brig. Gen. Militia, brother of Tax Collector, State Senator, President of Police Jury.

J. C. Oliver, Sheriff by appointment of Gov. Warmoth, brother to Chief Constable, by appointment.

John Johnson, weak, controlled by Hunsacker.

Henry Raby and Raford Blunt, members of Legislature, control patronage of parish.

M. P. Blackstone, Police Juror, appointed by Governor.

G. Y. Kelso.

John Mayo.

William Crawford.

Geo. L. Smith, Tax Collector of Caddo parish, member of Legislature. Represented Webster parish in bolting meeting.

Henry Perkins, Democrat.

A. A. Milligan, Democrat, Parish Recorder, by appointment of Gov. Warmoth.

W. T. Oliver, Tax Collector, appointed by Gov. Warmoth.

Thos. Isabelle, Police Commissioner, appointed Gov. Warmoth.

J. P. Murphy, Street Commissioner, appointed by Gov. Warmoth's influence.

H. C. Dibble, Judge Eighth District Court, Park Commissioner, Notary Public and President City School Board, appointed by Gov. Warmoth.

C. F. Glaudin, Street Commissioner, never known to vote regular Republican ticket, always bolted.

P. Creigh, Coroner.

A. Cartwright, Policeman.

A. W. Smyth, member of Board of Health, member of Park Commission, Surgeon in Charity Hospital, Governor's private physician, appointed by Gov. Warmoth.

P. B. S. Johnson, Foreman of Street Gang.

P. B. S. Pinchback, State Senator, Park Commissioner, State House Commissioner, member of School Board, appointed by Gov. Warmoth.

E. Aleix, Street Commissioner.

P. Montaine, Foreman Street Commissioner's Department.

Henry Reis, clerk in office District Superintendent of Streets.

H. J. Campbell, State Senator, Maj. Gen. Militia, Register Land Office, appointed to last two and now holding them in violation of the constitution and laws.

H. L. Rey, State Tax Assessor.

W. J. Moore, Street Commissioner.

P. Griffen, Street Employee.

E. V. Leclerc, Recorder Third District, appointed by Gov. Warmoth.

Henry Chenau, Street Employee.

David Douglass, City Employee.

H. C. Warmoth.

E. D. Ducloslange, Street Commissioner, appointed by Gov. Warmoth.

F. J. Herron, State Tax Collector, appointed by Gov. Warmoth.

W. G. McConnel, Harbor Master, appointed by Gov. Warmoth.

C. B. Augustus, Street Commissioner.

W. R. Fish, Register of Conveyances and Editor Republican, appointed by Gov. Warmoth.

A. Jackson, hired man.

C. P. Ames, Sanitary Inspector.

David Mason, hired man.

Twenty-six members composing the bolting meeting, are *tax collectors and assessors*, appointed by the Governor, and who are *removable* by him. Of course it would have been a little dangerous for any of these officers to have refused to attend at his call if they desired to retain their offices; and it can be established that some of these tax collectors pretended to represent their parishes at his suggestion, who had no authority whatever to do so from any election or meeting in their parishes, to the knowledge of the Governor, thirty members were appointees of the Governor to other offices, and only thirty-one members of the bolting meeting, had credentials of election made out in the form required in the call of the Convention by the proper officers. This statement will show what part of the Republican party was represented in the bolting meeting.

We look on Gov. Warmoth as exceedingly arbitrary and dictatorial; who or what he can not control, he tries to break down or destroy. He has no tolerance for other men's opinions when they differ from his, and he looks on the Republican party of this State as his property, and will brook no interference in its management. This we do not concede to him or any other man or set of men. We do not think the organization of the Republican party should be to work in the interests of any person or number of persons, but for the interests of all alike, leaving the next Convention to select for State officers such candidates as in their judgment will most promote the public interest and the conse-

quent good of the party. It is only on this principle a political party organization can be kept up.

The State Central Executive Committee had been delegated by the highest authority in the party—a State Convention—to perform certain service, and they could not without being recreant to the trust conferred on them, do otherwise than they did. They have performed their trust, their authority has been turned over to the Convention and they confidently expect their action to be approved by the party.

(Signed) JOHN RAY, Chairman;
J. HENRI BURCH,
GEO. W. CARTER,
JAS. F. CASEY,
A. DUMONT.

Rooms of the State Central Executive Committee of the Republican Party of Louisiana, August 16th, 1871,

At a meeting of the Committee held this day, the following address was adopted and ordered to be promulgated in connection with the report of the Committee on Address of the late Convention.

S. B. PACKARD,
President.

T. W. DEKLYNE, Secretary.

The State Central Executive Committee of the Republican party of Louisiana, composed of the following gentlemen, viz :

S. B. PACKARD, President.
WILLIAM VIGERS, Secretary.

S. B. PACKARD,	H. L. SWORDS,
HON. O. J. DUNN,	JAMES MCCLEERY,
CHARLES W. LOWELL,	P. G. DESLONDE,
B. F. JOUBERT,	J. B. WANDS,
G. Y. KELSO,	G. CASENAVE,
JOHN GARSTKAMP,	JOHN RAY,
HENRY GRIMES,	J. LEWIS,
T. B. STAMPS,	A. B. HARRIS

was formed in accordance with the following resolution of the State Convention, adopted, August 10th, 1870.

Resolved, That a State Central Executive Committee to consist of fifteen members be selected by the Convention as follows :

Two members of the Committee shall be chosen by the Delegates to the Convention from each of the Congressional Districts, and five members of the Committee shall be appointed by the President of this Convention: the Committee shall have power to select its chairman.

Resolved, That the said committee shall continue in office one year, and it shall be their duty to call a State Convention of the Republican party on or before the expiration of their term of service.

On or about the 1st day of June, 1871, the vacancy caused by the death of J. Lewis was filled by the Committee by the election of Jas. F. Casey.

On the 27th day of June, 1871, the Central Executive Committee issued the following call :

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First Resolution, offered by Mr. Ray :

WHEREAS, According to the requirements of a resolution passed and adopted by the State Convention of the Republican party, on the 10th day of August, 1870, the State Central Executive Committee, appointed by and under the authority of said Convention, is directed to call a State Convention of the Republican party on or before the expiration of their term of service; therefore be it

Resolved, That a convention of the Republican party be and is hereby called to meet in New Orleans on the 9th day of August, 1871.

Resolved, That the basis of representation in said Convention shall be as follows, to-wit : Every seven hundred Republican votes, as cast at the last general election, in each ward of the city of New Orleans, shall be entitled to one delegate, and an additional delegate for every fraction over one-half of seven hundred; and provided, that each parish and ward shall be entitled to at least one delegate.

Resolved, That the Presidents of the several parish committees of the Republican party in the State—except in the parish of Orleans—and in the parish of Orleans the Presidents of the Mother Ward Clubs are hereby authorized and required to call elections for Delegates to said convention, and to forward to the President of the State Central Executive Committee, the proper credentials of the Delegates elected, countersigned by the Secretaries of their committees and clubs, on or before the time fixed for the sitting of the Convention,

Resolved, That the President of the State Central Executive Committee be and is hereby authorized and directed to ascertain the number of Delegates to be elected from each parish and ward from the authentic vote in the office of the Secretary of State, and issue his proclamation for said election, and have the same published in the Republican papers throughout the State.

Second Resolution introduced by Mr. Lowell—

Whereas, The time of service of the Parish Executive Committee of the parish of Orleans expired by limitation on the fifteenth day of November, 1870, therefore be it

Resolved, That the seventh day of August, 1871, be designated as the day when elections shall be held in each ward of the city of New Orleans for Delegates to the State Convention, called to meet August 9th, 1871, polls to be opened and closed at such hours as the Presidents of the Mother Ward Clubs may indicate, at least one week's notice of the same being given.

APPOINTMENT OF DELEGATES.

Ascension.....	2	Assumption.....	3
Avoyelles.....	2	Baton Rouge, East.....	3
Baton Rouge, West.....	1	Bienville.....	1
Bossier.....	1	Caddo.....	2
Calcasieu.....	1	Caldwell.....	1
Cameron.....	1	Carroll.....	2
Catahoula.....	1	Claiborne.....	1
Concordia.....	2	De Soto.....	1
Feliciana, East.....	2	Feliciana, West.....	2
Franklin.....	1	Grant.....	1
Iberia.....	1	Iberville.....	3
Jackson.....	1	Jefferson.....	3
Lafayette.....	1	Lafourche.....	2
Livingston.....	1	Madison.....	2
Morehouse.....	1	Natchitoches.....	3
Ourachita.....	2	Plaquemine.....	4
Point Coupee.....	2	Rapides.....	3
Richland.....	1	Sabine.....	1
St. Bernard.....	1	St. Charles.....	2
St. Helena.....	1	St. James.....	3
St. John Baptist.....	1	St. Landry.....	2
St. Martin.....	1	St. Mary.....	3
Tangipahoa.....	1	Texas.....	2
Terrebonne.....	2	Union.....	1
Vermillionville.....	1	Washington.....	1
Winn.....	1	Webster.....	1
Vernon.....	1	Red River.....	1
St. Tammany.....	1		

ORLEANS.

First Ward.....	2	Second Ward.....	2
Third Ward.....	4	Fourth Ward.....	1
Fifth Ward.....	3	Sixth Ward.....	1
Seventh Ward.....	3	Eighth Ward.....	1
Ninth Ward.....	2	Tenth Ward.....	2
Eleventh Ward.....	1	Twelfth Ward.....	1
Thirteenth Ward.....	1	Fourteenth Ward.....	1
Orleans, Right Bank.....	3		

By order of the committee.

S. B. PACKARD, President.

P. F. HERWIG, Corresponding Secretary.

Republican papers of the State will please copy.

OFFICIAL REPORT Of the State Convention of the Republican Party of Louisiana, for 1871.

In accordance with the call of the State Central Executive Committee of the Republican party of Louisiana, the Delegates from the various parishes of the State, and the Wards of the parish of Orleans, assembled in Convention in the United States Court-room on Wednesday, August 9th.

The meeting was called to order at 12 o'clock M., by Hon. S. B. Packard, President of the State Committee, and the following report of the Committee was presented.

The State Committee having a record of the organization of the party in the various parishes, so far as such Organizations existed, deemed it proper, in issuing the call for the State Convention to assemble on this 9th day of August, to direct that the President of the Parish Committees in the several parishes, except the parish of Orleans, and in the parish of Orleans, the President of the Mother Ward Clubs, should call elections in their parishes and Wards for Delegates to this Convention. This rule was established for the prevention of imposition and fraud. In some few of the smaller parishes, the party had lost its organization from one cause or another; and in those parishes the Committee following the precedent, established by their predecessors, appointed five or more leading Republicans of the parish, as a Committee to call a Convention for the purpose of organizing the party in such parishes to select delegates to the Convention.

As there should be some system of rules to be followed in the organization of any deliberative body and the State Committee being the recognized head of the party, and therefore, the only proper authority to make the necessary regulations, we have determined that the best rules to be adopted are those found in the laws of Congress for organization of that body, and of our own State, for the organization of the General Assembly, to-wit, that the returns from the various parish and ward organizations should make out a *prima facie* case in favor of the person so returned as elected, and that from such returns a roll should be made and the persons so returned and none others should be entitled to vote in the Organization of the Convention,

This is the rule established for the Organization of the General Assembly, by a law of the State, enacted by a Republican Legislature; and therefore, according to the theory of many leading men of our party, a principle of the party itself.

Acting upon this rule we have caused a roll of Delegates to be made of those persons so returned as elected—submitting herewith the credentials of such Delegates, and also, all papers by us received from other persons claiming seats in this Convention; as the Convention must be the final arbiter of all questions of claims for membership.

S. B. PACKARD,

President.

Prayer was offered by Rev. J. M. Vance.

Hon. O. J. Dunn, moved that a temporary Organization of the Convention be effected, which motion was unanimously carried; Whereupon,

Mr. Allain moved that Hon. J. Henri Burch, be elected temporary Chairman, which motion was unanimously carried.

A motion of Mr. Ingraham, that a Committee of two be appointed to conduct the temporary President to the Chair, was passed unanimously, and Messrs. J. H. Ingraham and Hyman Smyth, appointed to act as said Committee.

Hon. S. B. Packard moved the election of a temporary Secretary, which motion being carried, Hon. John Ray nominated Mr. T. W. DeKlyne, who was unanimously elected.

On motion of Mr. Whittier, Mr. Fogarty was elected Sergeant-at-Arms.

Mr. Packard then moved that as the temporary organization had been effected, the lobby now be opened for the admission of spectators. The motion being carried, the doors were opened and the lobbies speedily filled.

Hon. John Ray, moved that a Committee on Credentials, to consist of seven members, be appointed by the Chair.

Col. C. W. Lowell then moved that all papers, returns and reports submitted by the State Central Executive Committee be turned over to the Committee on Credentials.

Carried.

The Chair appointed as the Committee on Credentials, Messrs. Ray, of Ouachita; Wakefield, of Iberia; Wands, of Tangipahoa; Essex, of St. Charles; Greene, of Jackson; Pinchback, of Orleans; and Horanson, of St. Charles.

Mr. Packard moved that the convention take a recess for half an hour, but withdrew that motion and substituted therefor a motion that the Committee on Credentials be allowed to retire for the purpose of reporting, which was carried.

Col. Lowell moved that during the absence of the Committee Col. J. H. Ingraham, of Orleans, should address the Convention, carried; and after Col. Ingraham had concluded his address, speeches were made on invitation by Messrs. Lowell, of Orleans; John S. Chapman, of Baton Rouge; Hon. O. J. Dunn, of Orleans; Col. George W. Carter, of Cameron; and W. R. Hardy, of Richland.

The Committee on Credentials being now announced, offered the following report:

To the Convention of the Republican Party of the State of Louisiana:

The Committee on Credentials appointed by your honorable body beg leave to report as follows:

In order to have a basis on which to test the legality of the returns of persons presenting themselves as delegates to this Convention, your Committee have adopted the following rules:

Regarding the State Central Executive Committee appointed by the Convention of August, 1870, as having the right as well as it being their duty, in calling this Convention to provide the manner in which returns of the election of delegates should be made, we find that the State Central Executive Committee performed this duty, and in the resolutions calling the Convention we find the following:

Resolved, That the Presidents of the several parish committees of the Republican party in the State—except in the parish of Orleans—and in the parish of Orleans the Presidents of the Mother Ward Clubs are hereby authorized and required to call elections for delegates to said Convention, and to forward to the President of the State Central Executive Committee the proper credentials of the delegates elected, countersigned by the Secretaries of their Committees and Club, on or before the time fixed for the sitting of the Convention.

In examining the credentials we have taken this resolution as a guide. We further construed this resolution as having referred to the Presidents and Secretaries of the Parish Committees and Mother Ward Clubs, which existed at the time of the call of the Convention, the 27th day of June, 1871, as the ones intended by the call where such

then existed, and in default of any existing at that time such as the Central Executive Committee may have since appointed.

Acting upon these rules we find the credentials of the following delegates from the various parishes and wards to be in the proper form and recommend their admission as members of the Convention:

Ascension—Charles Gecks, Louis Lefort.
 Assumption—Henry L. Swords, A. J. Echeverie, Geo. Washington.
 Avoynes—Jos. Laurent, Richard Douse, Alternate.
 East Baton Rouge—John S. Chapman, J. Henri Burch, E. D. Triplett.
 West Baton Rouge—T. T. Allain.
 Bienville—T. S. Johnson Alternate.
 Bossier—Thomas Anderson.
 Caddo—Chas. W. Keeting, Wm. Harper.
 Calcasieu—M. Robinson.
 Caldwell—A. W. Faulkner.
 Cameron—Geo. W. Carter.
 Carroll—Cain Sartain, A. C. Ruth.
 Catahoula—S. Marvin.
 Concordia—A. B. Harris, Geo. Washington.
 DeSoto—Alex Boone.
 East Feliciana—James Laws, James De Grey, Alternate.
 West Feliciana—E. L. Weber, J. W. Arms-tead.
 Franklin—A. F. Osborn.
 Grant—Henry R. Kearson.
 Iberia—Samuel Wakefield.
 Iberville—Chas. E. Merrill, P. G. Deslonde, Anthony Coleman.
 Jackson—Charles J. Greene, Alternate.
 Jefferson—Wm. Ellis, Amos Morrison, A. J. Kemp.
 Lafayette—E. P. Godwin.
 Lafourche—Nelson Taylor, John Bibolet.
 Livingston—H. C. Kinchen.
 Madison—Curtis Pollard, Thomas Shaw, Alternate.
 Morehouse—W. F. Blanchard.
 Natchitoches—Henry Baby, Raford Blunt.
 M. P. Blackstone.
 Ouachita—John Ray, Anthony Overton.
 Plaquemine—H. Mahony, L. C. Courcelle.
 C. V. Thibaut, E. Butler.
 Pointe Coupee—J. A. Porehe, Gatien Decuir.
 Rapides—Wm. Crawford, Geo. Y. Kelso.
 John Mayo.
 Red River—M. H. Twitchell.
 Richland—W. R. Hardy.
 Sabine—L. H. Burdick, Alternate.
 St. Bernard—Thomas Ong.
 St. Charles—Jos. E. Heranson, Geo. Essex.
 St. Helena—D. C. Davis.
 St. James—Geo. E. Boyce, Adolphe Turaud, Henry Riley.
 St. John Baptist—Geo. W. Coombs.
 St. Landry—O. A. Rice, Jas. R. Jolley, Alternate.
 St. Martin—Victor Rochon.
 St. Mary—C. B. Darrall, Henry Train, J. J. Moore.
 St. Tammany—A. Chevalon.
 Tangipahoa—Jas. B. Wands.
 Tensas—Robert Worrell, J. Ross Stewart.

Terrebonne—Jas. L. Belden, Thomas A. Cage.
 Vernon—A. J. Whittier.
 Vermillion—J. W. Stubbs.
 Washington—Jas. C. Warden.
 Winn—J. Wesley Mayfield.
 Webster—J. M. Vance.

ORLEANS.

First Ward—W. G. Johnson, J. C. Miller.
 Second Ward—W. S. Mudgett, E. Prevost.
 Third Ward—Oscar J. Dunn, Charles W. Lowell, C. F. Ladd, Esau Carter.
 Fourth Ward—P. B. S. Pinchback.
 Fifth Ward—Emile Detiege, Hyman Smith
 Jules Lanabere.
 Sixth Ward—Alfred L. Young.
 Seventh Ward—James H. Ingraham, Jos. Barrow, L. S. Rodriguez.
 Eighth Ward—Jules Domingo.
 Ninth Ward—Isam Nicholls, F. Toebelman.
 Tenth Ward—Jas. F. Casey, Jas. Cottrell.
 Eleventh Ward—E. Williams, F. J. Herron.
 Twelfth Ward—Paul Bruce.
 Thirteenth Ward—C. B. Augustus.
 Fourteenth Ward—W. R. Fish.
 Orleans Right Bank—S. B. Packard, A. Dumont, E. Jones.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN RAY, Chairman;
 JAS. B. WANDS,
 C. J. GREENE,
 J. E. HORANSEN,
 SAML. WAKEFIELD,
 GEO. ESSEX.

Mr. Allain moved that the report of the committee be received, whereupon Col. Lowell moved to amend that the report be received and adopted, and that the roll submitted be made the roll of the Convention. The motion as amended was carried unanimously.

Col. Lowell then moved that the Convention proceed to a permanent organization by the election of permanent officers.

Carried.

Nominations being in order, Mr. Allain nominated Hon. O. J. Dunn, who was unanimously elected.

On motion of Mr. Ray a committee of two was appointed to conduct the President, Hon. O. J. Dunn, to the chair. The Chair appointed Messrs. Ray and Ingraham as said committee.

The President having taken the chair, the convention proceeded to the election of a permanent Secretary. Hon. John Ray nominated Mr. T. W. DeKlyne, who was unanimously elected.

On motion of Mr. J. H. Ingraham, Mr. J. H. Paty was appointed Assistant Secretary, Mr. Fogarty Sergeant-at-Arms, and the other gentlemen who had acted during the tem-

porary organization, were elected assistant Sergeants-at-Arms.

Col. G. W. Carter moved that a Committee on Resolutions and Platform, and a Committee on Address, each committee to consist of five members, be appointed by the chair. The motion was carried *nem. con.*

The Chair then appointed as Committee on Resolutions and Platform, Messrs. Carter of Cameron, Ingraham of Orleans, Lowell of Orleans, Allain of West Baton Rouge, and Chapman of East Baton Rouge; and as the Committee on Address, Ray of Ouachita, Burch of East Baton Rouge, Carter of Cameron, Casey of Orleans, and Dumont of Orleans, Right Bank. The committees thus appointed, then retired to prepare their reports.

On motion of Col. Lowell, vacancies in the delegations from several parishes were filled by proxies appointed by the convention, as follows: Senator P. O'Hara, for Terrebonne; A. J. Sypher, Henry Grimes and J. A. Walsh for Assumption; Senator Mortimer Smith, for St. John Baptist; Senator S. M. Todd, for Orleans, 14th Ward; J. A. Gould, for Orleans, 13th Ward; Mr. Van Troup, for Caldwell; F. B. Earhart, for St. Tammany; Francois Barrington, for Claiborne; Duncan Hill, for Winn; W. W. Wharton, for Union; Wm. Wright, for Orleans, 11th Ward; and W. R. Bonner, for Natchitoches.

Pending the return of the Committees on Resolutions and Address, the convention was addressed by Messrs. Anthony Coleman of Iberville, J. Henri Burch of East Baton Rouge, and Henry Grimes of Lafourche. Hon. Thomas Ong, delegate from St. Bernard, being called on to address the convention, declined, pleading want of preparation.

Col. G. W. Carter of Cameron, from the Committee on Resolutions presented the following report.

WHEREAS, The achievements of the Republican party in suppressing the Rebellion, thereby preserving and perpetuating the Union, and by the Thirteenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, destroying the institution of Slavery in the United States; by the Fourteenth Amendment, giving citizenship to all persons born or naturalized in the United States, and guaranteeing to them the equal protection of the laws—and by the Fifteenth Amendment, the right of all to vote in any State, without regard to race, color or previous condition of servitude; and the Reconstruction of the States formerly in Rebellion on a Republican basis, in conformity with the Union, and on the basis of said

Amendment, thereby securing to the country and to mankind, the legitimate fruits of the great struggle for civil liberty, entitle that party to the earnest support of the people of the United States, and to the sympathy and respect of the lovers of civil liberty throughout the world; Therefore be it

Resolved, That we re-assert our adherence in the great principles of the Republican party, as embraced in the National Platform of said party. Be it further

Resolved, That to preserve and perpetuate civil liberty, as now guaranteed by the laws of the Union, requires the exercise of high moral and mental development which can only be attained by the education of the masses, and the Republican party therefore pledges itself in favor of a system of Public Schools in this State, which shall guarantee to each child equal facilities for education. Be it further

Resolved, That the ultimately successful carrying out of the system of internal improvements adopted by the Republican party in this State, in constructing the Levees, opening Canals and building Railroads is absolutely necessary to the development of the great material interests of the State, and for the purpose of encouraging the investment of capital in, and immigration to the State, and the Republican party in Louisiana, pledges itself to give aid in its power to carry out the public works already organized, and such others as may tend to advance the progress and develop the resources of our State. Be it further

Resolved, That the adoption of the amendments to our State Constitution, whereby the State debt is limited to twenty-five millions of dollars, is a wise as well as a Republican measure; and within that limit is all the aid necessary to carry out a great system of internal improvements; moreover, the expenses of our State Government should be reduced to the lowest possible amount necessary to carry it on, avoiding all appropriations other than those absolutely necessary for the above purpose, and the Republican members of the Legislature are hereby instructed to conform their legislation to this principle. And be it further

Resolved, That to carry out properly and successfully any great State policy, such as has already been adopted by the Republican party of Louisiana, the friends of such policy must organize themselves into a political party, and operate as such, solely with a view to the end desired; and in so doing, such party should be left to its own unbiased judgment in the selection of agents to carry out whatever may be proposed for the progress and prosperity of the State. And be it further

Resolved, That the Federal Administration, in successfully carrying out the system of paying off the National Debt, at the rate of one hundred millions of dollars annually, and at the same time reducing taxation while lessening the rate of interest on the National Debt by funding it at a lower

rate than it originally bore; in introducing economy in the public expenditures and a strict accountability in revenue as well as all other officers; the successful management of every department at home as well as the satisfactory state of all our foreign relations; the justice obtained for injuries done to our own people during the rebellion, while peace is maintained with all nations, entitles the Federal Administration to the gratitude and support of the country. This convention, therefore, tenders its hearty approval, and hereby signifies its ardent support of the course pursued by U. S. Grant as President of the United States in carrying out so unswervingly and successfully the policy adopted by the great Union Republican Party, and which is so well calculated to produce lasting peace, and prosperity.

In view of which this convention hereby instructs the delegates hereafter to be selected to attend the Republican National Convention to cast their votes for U. S. Grant as the choice of the Republican Party for President in 1872. And be it further

Resolved, That it is the duty of every member of the Republican Party to carry out earnestly and in good faith the principles which have been established in the organization of the party, and the rules and regulations which may be established for its government in accordance with, and not in opposition to the rules of this convention; and any person refusing so to recognize and obey the principles and rules thus established shall be regarded as a bolter, and be excluded from the party organization. And be it further

Resolved, That a State Central Executive Committee of the Republican Party be selected as follows: Two to be elected by this convention from each Congressional District in this State, and that the President of this Convention appoint ten others from the State at large, and that said committee is hereby empowered to prescribe rules and regulations for the government of the party during its term of service, said term of service to continue until its successors are duly elected by a regularly convened State Convention, and that said Committee shall prescribe the mode of electing delegates to the National Convention to be held in 1872 and that any vacancies occurring shall be filled by the committee. And be it further

Resolved, That we recognize the State Central Committee as the legitimate political head of the Republican party in the State; and we tender our thanks to the Committee for the efficient, impartial, faithful and fearless manner in which it has protected the interests of the party and discharged its weighty duties.—And be it further

Resolved, That we tender our thanks to the President of the United States, and the constituted authorities of the Federal Government, for the prompt and efficient manner in which they have preserved order and secured to this Convention the legal exercise of the rights of undisturbed public assembly and free speech (under the provi-

sions of the third section of the enforcement act of April 1871) notwithstanding the machinations of H. C. Warmoth and the subordinate office-holders over whom he exercises present control.

Resolved, That it is the earnest desire of the Republican party, that peace and order should be strictly maintained in all parts of the State, that violations of the law should be promptly arrested and fairly tried, and as in the opinion of the Convention, laws necessary to accomplish this purpose have been passed and all the power necessary to cause the arrest and trial of any offender has been amply provided for, if the officers intrusted with the service will perform their duty, the Convention, therefore, calls on the Governor and other officers in the State to do their duty in this respect, thereby avoiding any necessity for aid from the Federal Government for that purpose.

Resolved, That in the judgment of this Convention and the great Republican masses of the State of Louisiana, we deprecate the actions of those disaffected and unscrupulous men who have, in many parishes, ignored the established and recognized Republican organization, because they could not control the same in their own interests and that of their associates, and have striven to divide and defeat the party in the interest of a small but mischievous faction; and we, as due to our people, ourselves and the Republican party, do denounce, whether acting through his subordinates in the several parishes of the State, or as the leader of the disorganizers and bolters from the Convention of to-day, his excellency H. C. Warmoth, who has forfeited our confidence, having shown clearly that he would sacrifice the Republican party to advance himself, can no longer be safely followed as a Republican leader.

Mr. Burch of Baton Rouge, moved to adopt the report as a whole.

Mr. Rodriguez of Orleans, Seventh Ward, objected to the resolution in the report providing for the formation of the State Central Committee, which he considered should consist of some forty members. The motion receiving no second, was not entertained by the chair and the resolutions as reported by the committee were adopted unanimously.

Mr. Ingraham, moved that the President of the Convention be made a member of the State Central Committee, the motion was unanimously adopted:

The following resolution was presented by Hon. John S. Chapman, of East Baton Rouge, and unanimously adopted.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Convention be tendered to Hon. S. B. Packard, President State Central Committee, and that the New State Central Committee be instructed to re-elect him as their President.

The following resolution was offered by Mr. C. F. Ladd, and unanimously carried:

WHEREAS, The daily paper known as the New Orleans *Republican*, by its persistent misrepresentations of the Republican party

throughout the State, has forfeited all claim to be regarded as the organ of that party in Louisiana; and

Whereas, The New Orleans *Republican* has refused to publish notices, reports, and results of elections held by the *bona fide* Republican Clubs in the city of New Orleans, and Republican Parish Conventions throughout the State; Therefore be it

Resolved, That the daily news paper known as the New Orleans *Republican* is no longer entitled to the respect and confidence of the Republican party, in the State of Louisiana, or elsewhere.

Resolved, That we request the Clerk of the United States House of Representatives to remove from it, the Official Printing and bestow it upon some paper devoted to the interests of the party.

Gen. Wm. S. Mudgett, of Orleans, Second Ward, moved that the CITIZENS GUARD be recognized as the Official Organ of the Republican party in Louisiana, and that the Clerk of the United States House of Representatives be requested to transfer the Official Printing of the House, from the New Orleans *Republican* to the Citizens Guard.

Col. Charles W. Lowell, moved that a recess of ten minutes be taken by the Convention, to enable the Delegates from the various Congressional Districts, to meet in caucuses to select their Representatives in the State Central Committee was carried.

Upon the re-assembling of the Convention, the following nominations were reported which were unanimously confirmed by the Convention.

First Congressional District, S. B. Packard, B. F. Jonbert; Second Congressional District, Charles W. Lowell, Henry Grimes; Third Congressional District, A. J. Sypher, P. G. Deslonde; Fourth Congressional District, E. L. Weber, J. Laurent; Fifth Congressional District, John Ray, John S. Harris.

Mr. Ray, on behalf of the Committee on address, asked that said Committee should be allowed to the first of September to prepare their report, which request was granted.

On motion of Captain S. B. Packard, the thanks of the Convention were tendered to the President of the Convention, the Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Sergeant-at-Arms, Assistant Sergeants-at-Arms, and Kelly's Union Band, for the efficient manner in which they have discharged their several duties.

Col. G. W. Carter moved that the Secretary

of the Convention be instructed to furnish the CITIZENS' GUARD with an official copy of the proceedings of this Convention, and that Republican papers throughout the State be requested to copy the same.

Colonel Whittier, of Vernon, moved that the thanks of the Convention be tendered to Captain Smith and the troops under his command, for the efficient and necessary protection given to this Convention during its session; which protection alone prevented a repetition of the horrors that characterized the 30th day of July, 1866.

On motion of Col. Carter, the President of the Convention was requested to forward to the authorities at Washington a copy of the resolution requesting the removal of the official printing from the New Orleans *Republican*.

On motion of Colonel C. W. Lowell, the Convention gave nine cheers for President U. S. Grant, and then adjourned *sine die*.

A true copy from the minutes.

O. J. DUNN,

President.

T. W. DEKLYNE, Secretary.

(See official call page 13.)

Immediately upon the issuance of this call, the Governor and his adherents determined to obtain control of the Convention at all hazards. For that purpose, club-room after club-room was invaded by swarms of Policemen, street-laborers and thugs, under the leadership of some of the Governor's most prominent adherents. Nothing was allowed to be said upon these occasions that was not in favor of Warmoth, and a system of enormities was inaugurated that fairly entitles these men to the name of the Warmoth Ku-Klux.

These actions combined with the violent threats of Warmoth's immediate friends gave ample assurance that if these men were present at the Convention, they would there attempt the same infamous proceedings as in the Ward Club-rooms. To prevent the admission of these parties, on the 3d August, 1871, the Central Committee adopted the following resolution:

By Mr. Ray :

Resolved, That only those who are returned as Delegates to the Convention according to the returns forwarded to the President of the Executive Committee, and to those who may contest the seats of such Delegates as may be shown by evidence presented to the President of the Executive Committee, and the members of the present Executive Committee and their Secretary, shall be admitted to the Hall of the Convention until after the permanent organization of the Convention, and that the President of the Central Executive Committee be authorized to prepare tickets and a list of the persons to be admitted, and report the same to this Committee on Tuesday evening, the eighth instant, for their action.

By order of the Committee,

WILLIAM VIGES,

Recording Secretary State Central Executive Committee.

No place of meeting being mentioned in the call at this same meeting of August 3, 1871, the committee adopted also the following resolution:

ROOMS STATE CENTRAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, Republican Party, State of Louisiana, August 4, 1871.—At a meeting of the Committee held August 3, 1871, the following resolutions were adopted:

By Mr. Wands:

Resolved, That the President of the State Committee be and he is hereby authorized to secure a suitable meeting place for the assemblage of the State Convention, to be held on the ninth day of August, 1871, in this city, and give public notice of the place so secured on or before Tuesday morning, the eighth of August, 1871, through the columns of the New Orleans Republican and other city papers, and the delegates elected are hereby notified to attend and respond to the notice of the President upon the day of meeting;

Upon investigation it was found that every hall in New Orleans which by any possibility was fit for the use of the convention had been engaged by Warmoth with the intention of forcing the convention to meet at the Mechanics' Institute, where it would be completely at the mercy of his police and rowdies. Under these circumstances, and with the concurrence of the majority of the committee on the 7th day of August, 1871, President Packard issued the following notice:

By virtue of the authority vested in me by a resolution of the Republican State Central Executive Committee adopted August 3, 1871, I hereby give notice that the State Convention of the Republican party called by the State Committee on June 27, will convene in the United States Court room on Wednesday, the ninth instant, at 12 M.

S. B. PACKARD.

President State Central Ex. Committee.

Threats of interference with the convention, and even of assassination of the prominent leaders of the opposition to Warmoth, continuing to be freely made after the publication of this notice and fearing that a riot would ensue within the Customhouse building, U. S. Marshal Packard telegraphed to General J. J. Reynolds, Commanding Department, for a guard of soldiers to protect United States property. This request was granted, and at 9 o'clock on the morning of the 9th, a guard of about 40 men of the 19th U. S. Infantry arrived and were quartered in the building.

In accordance with the call of the committee, 180 persons filed credentials claiming seats as delegates and contestants, on or before the 9th day of August, 1871. A ticket of admission to the hall of the convention was issued to each of these delegates and contestants, signed, by direction of the Central Committee, by their chairman.

The Convention was called to order at 12 M., by S. B. Packard, President of the State Central Executive Committee. Hon. J. Henri Burch of East Baton Rouge, was elected temporary president, and a committee on credentials was appointed by him (none of whose seats were contested) as follows, viz: Messrs. Ray of Ouachita, Wakefield of Iberia, Wands of Tangipahoa, Essex of St. Charles, Greene of Jackson, Pinchback of Orleans, and Horansen of Charles. This com-

mittee presented the following report. viz: (See official Report page 15.

At 10 A. M., one hour and three-quarters before the hour fixed for the holding of the Convention, Gov. Warmoth, accompanied by about sixty of his followers, having provided themselves with tickets, entered the building and proceeded to the door of the court-room. Here they were met by the Deputy Marshal in charge of the room, of whom they demanded entrance. He replied that he had positive orders from the U. S. Marshal, who is the custodian of the court-room, to admit no one until 11:20, but in consideration of the Governor's lameness he would admit him to the court-room on his own responsibility, and his friends would be admitted at the proper time. This offer was refused by the Governor, who mounted a chair, and commenced a violent and incendiary speech, denouncing the general government and declaiming against the presence of the soldiers who, he alleged, were placed there to prevent his obtaining entrance to the Convention. Here he was respectfully interrupted by the officer commanding the troops, who assured him he was not there to interfere with any one, but simply to protect public property. As soon as he had finished, Warmoth called to his adherents to adjourn to Turner's Hall, and to that place they at once bolted.

That this action had been long premeditated is conclusively proven by the annexed extract from an editorial published July 30, 1871, in the "Louisianian," a paper of which P. B. S. Pinchback, the President of the Bolting Convention, is editor and proprietor:

At the stage at which the proceedings,

preliminary to the sitting of the Party Convention which has been summoned for August 9, have arrived, we do not believe that there is any other course open than the holding of *Two Conventions* of the Republican Party. We have been laboring not to believe such a pitiable sight possible; but the pressing conviction which the revelation of circumstances daily urges upon us, hardly leaves us a peg now "to hang a lamb on?"

The regularly elected delegates who bolted with Warmoth to Turner's Hall, or, at least, who absented themselves from the regular Convention were as follows:

Ascension—J. W. Swords, proxy for H. L. Swords; A. J. Echeveria, Geo. Washington Caldwell—A. W. Faulkner.

Catahoula—P. Marvin.

Concordia—A. B. Harris and George Washington.

Jackson—J. E. Parker, S. L. Henry (participation).

Morchouse—W. F. Blanchard.

Natchitoches—Henry Raby, Ruford Blunt and M. P. Blackstone.

Plaquemine—H. Mahoney, L. C. Courcelle, C. V. Thibault, and E. Butler.

Rapides—Wm. Crawford, Geo. A. Kelso, John Mayo.

Red River—M. H. Twitchell.

St. John—George W. Combs.

Texas—Robt. Warr, H. J. Ross Stewart.

Terrebonne—James L. Belden, Thomas A. Cage.

Winn—J. Wesley Mayfield.

Orleans—4th Ward—P. B. S. Pinchback.

" 11th " F. J. Heron.

" 13th " C. B. Augustus.

" 14th " W. R. Fish.

The following persons, whose credentials were imperfect or fraudulent, and who were not the properly accredited delegates from the various parishes, were admitted to the Bolters' Convention.

Avoyelles, L. J. Soar, C. F. Huesman.

Ascension, Chas. P. Smith, Pierre Landry.

Winn (entitled to one delegate, three admitted), D. W. White, and D. L. Haines.

St. Mary, Emerson Bentley, W. B. Merchant, S. C. Johnson.

Texas (entitled to two delegates, four admitted), A. R. Whitney, M. Blue.

Iberville, Chas. E. Halstead, Cyrus Parker, Geo. B. Loud.

St. Martin, Louis C. Laloire.
 West Baton Rouge, Robert Morris.
 Webster (entitled to one, three admitted),
 J. M. Wagener, Chas. Perry, Geo. L. Smith.
 Cameron, George H. Guptel.
 East Baton Rouge, N. Underwood, J. W.
 Hurst, V. Anderson.
 Sabine, W. R. Wheyland.
 Vermilion, C. H. Remick.
 St. James, O. F. Hunsacker, J. C. Oliver,
 John Johnson.

DeSoto, Mortimer Carr.
 Grant, Thomas Johnson.
 Bienville, A. F. Coleman.
 Calcasieu, C. Barbe.
 Carroll, E. H. Masters, W. B. Dickey.
 Lafourche, O. Crozier, William Murrell.
 Livingston, James H. Bailey.
 St. Landry, C. Donato, E. Gantt (Dem).
 Caddo, M. Sterrett, S. Armistead.
 West Feliciana, Henry Perkins A. A. Mil-
 liken.

• Richland, W. T. Oliver.

ORLEANS.

First Ward, Thomas Isabelle, J. P. Murphy.
 Second Ward, H. C. Dibble, C. F. Glandin.
 Third Ward, Pat. Creagh, A. Cartwright.
 Fourth Ward, A. W. Smyth, Jos. Johnson.
 Fifth Ward, E. Alexis, L. Montaine,
 Henry Reis.
 Sixth Ward, H. G. Campbell.
 Seventh Ward, H. L. Rey, W. J. Moore,
 P. Griffin.
 Eighth Ward, E. V. Leclerc.
 Ninth Ward, Henry Chenau, David Doug-
 lass.
 Tenth Ward, H. C. Warmoth, E. P. Du-
 closlange.
 Twelfth Ward, W. G. McConnell.
 Fifteenth Ward, A. Jackson, C. P. Ames
 David Mason,
 Bossier, Chas. S. Abell.

The following were added to the
 Bolting Convention without even
 filing credentials or having claims to
 seats:

St. Charles, Peter Harper, John Butler.
 Franklin, J. R. Wooldridge.
 Lafayette, F. Martin. (Democrat).
 Vernon, H. C. Meyers.
 Tangipahoa, A. J. Johnson.

This bogus Convention, (of which
 but one-fourth were duly authorized
 Delegates of the people of the
 parishes, and the remaining three-

fourths the self constituted Represen-
 tatives of the office holders of the
 Governor, and the bolting factions
 of a few parishes and wards, their
 meagre claims resting entirely upon
 intimidation and fraud), elected
 P. B. S. Pinchback as President.
 From it, has sprung a so-called State
 Central Committee, composed of the
 following persons:

E. Butler, of Plaquemine.
 Thomas Cokely, Rapides.
 John Parsons, Orleans.
 H. Raby, Natchitoches.
 D. Young, Concordia.
 S. S. Schmidt, Orleans.
 Albert Gantt, St. Landry.
 A. W. Smyth, Orleans.
 Jas. McCleery, Caddo.
 F. J. Herron, Orleans.

ELECTED:

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| 1. H. J. Campbell, | H. Mahony, |
| 2. A. E. Barber, | J. L. Belden, |
| 3. T. H. Noland, | Geo. Washington, |
| 4. E. W. Dewees, | R. Blunt, |
| 5. A. W. Faulkner, | A. B. Harris. |

This bogus committee is organ-
 ized as follows:

Pinchback, chairman; Wm. Vigers,
 Secretary; J. W. Fairfax, Assistant
 Secretary.

The foregoing analysis of the com-
 position of the Convention by which
 this committee was chosen is suffi-
 cient to prove the fallacy of all claims
 which it may present to the confi-
 dence of the Republican party.

Assuming to be the State Central
 Executive Committee of the Republi-
 can party of Louisiana, this Com-
 mittee is entirely without power or
 influence, save such as it derives
 from the Governor. It can in no
 respect claim to represent the people
 since it was not formed by a Conven-
 tion of the people, but by a Congre-
 gation of the bolters against the wishes
 of the entire Republican party of
 the State.

The regular Convention presided

over by Lieutenant Governor Oscar J. Dunn, selected the following State Central Executive Committee, and This Committee is organized as it alone, is entitled to the confidence follows:

S. B. PACKARD, President.

T. W. DE KLYNE, Secretary.

B. F. JOUBERT, Treasurer.

S. B. PACKARD,

O. J. DUNN,

B. F. JOUBERT,

CHAS. W. LOWELL,

HENRY GRIMES,

A. J. SYPHER,

P. G. DESLONDE,

E. L. WEBER,

J. LAURENT,

JOHN RAY,

JOHN S. HARRIS,

J. B. WANDS,

JAS. S. CASEY,

GEO. W. CARTER,

J. HENRI BURCH,

JAS. H. INGRAHAM,

A. MARY,

GEO. E. BOVEE,

F. TOEBELMAN,

C. C. ANTOINE.

G. CASANAVE.

SUB EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

OSCAR J. DUNN, Chairman.

GEO. W. CARTER.

JAS. H. INGRAHAM,

JOHN RAY,

CHAS. W. LOWELL.

J. HENRI BURCH,

GEO. E. BOVEE.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

JAS. F. CASEY, Chairman.

A. J. SYPHER,

C. C. ANTOINE,

A. MARY,

G. CASANAVE,

J. B. WANDS,

F. TOEBELMAN.

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